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2. Location		7			<u> </u>
street & number	1 – 25 Nor	th Bradford Street			
city, town	Baltimore				
state & zip code	Maryland	21231	county		
3. Classifica	tion				
Category		Ownership	Status	Present Use	
district		public	X occupied	agriculture	museum
X building(s)		X private	unoccupied	commercial	park
structure		both	work in progress	educational	X private residence
site		Public Acquisition	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object		in process	X yes: restricted	government	scientific
		being considered not applicable	yes: unrestricted no	industrial military	transportation other:
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7. Description

Condition		Check One	Check One
excellent _x good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	unaltered X altered	X original sitemoved: date of move:

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of thirteen two-story, two-bay wide Italianate-style brick houses with shed roofs and wooden scroll-sawn bracketed cornices were built in the late 1880s. Only two of the houses retains its original brick facade, which would have been painted, with the basements painted white to imitate the marble used in more expensive houses. The rest have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, 11' and 12' wide and occupy lots 63' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is no backbuilding. The houses are constructed in running bond and were originally painted. The basement area was painted white, to imitate marble, as was common in houses of this type. Each house has a single hooded chimney located at the rear corner of the house. The shed roofs are capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a crown molding supported by two long scroll-sawn brackets decorated with grooves, that connect to a lower molding strip (now gone), and end with a distinct trefoil pattern. The frieze panel is decorated with a row of block modillions

The tall, narrow window and door openings have segmentally arched brick lintels, with plain tympanums, and brick sills. None of the original 2/2 sash survive and all windows have 1/1 replacement sash. Each doorway has a single-light transom, but no original doors survive. The houses sit on fairly high basements, lit by a single-light sash. Each house is reached by three or four brick, wood, or concrete steps.

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8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify		
prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 X 1800-1899 1900	archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications	X community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration industry invention	landscape architecturelawliteraturemilitarymusicphilosophypolitics/government	religion science sculpture X social/ humanitaria theatre transportatio other: specify
Specific dates	c. 1888		Builder/Architect	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.



This group of late Italianate-style houses is significant in that it represents the level of architectural stylishness achieved by many builders of small street houses in the late nineteenth century.

The houses were built according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period 1870 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 to \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900. Occasionally, the builder retained ownership of his small street houses to provide income for himself as rental properties. In this way people of varying means could afford to live in the same block. If they couldn't afford the approximately \$750 purchase price of the small street houses, then they could afford the \$8 or so a month it would cost to rent one, while they saved to be able to buy their own home later.

Most of the houses sold to mainly German-American semi-skilled tradesmen and laborers employed in nearby factories, who received mortgages from a variety of local building and loans, many of them sponsored by the German community.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse* (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

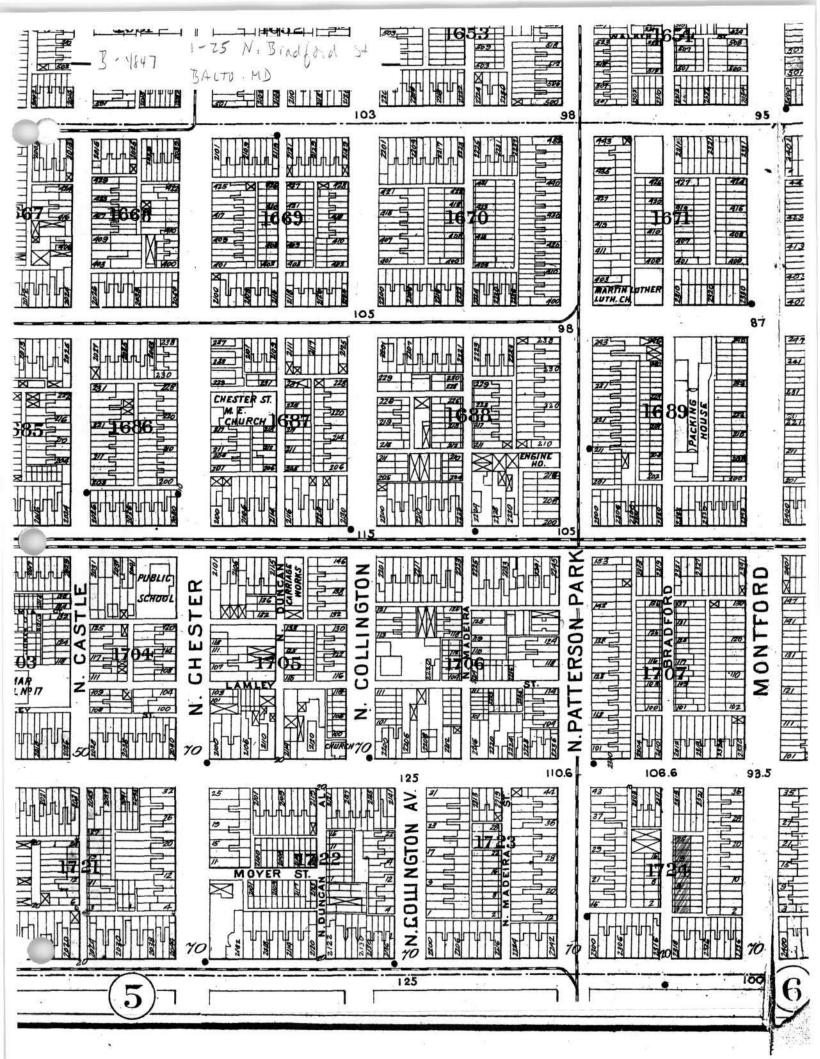
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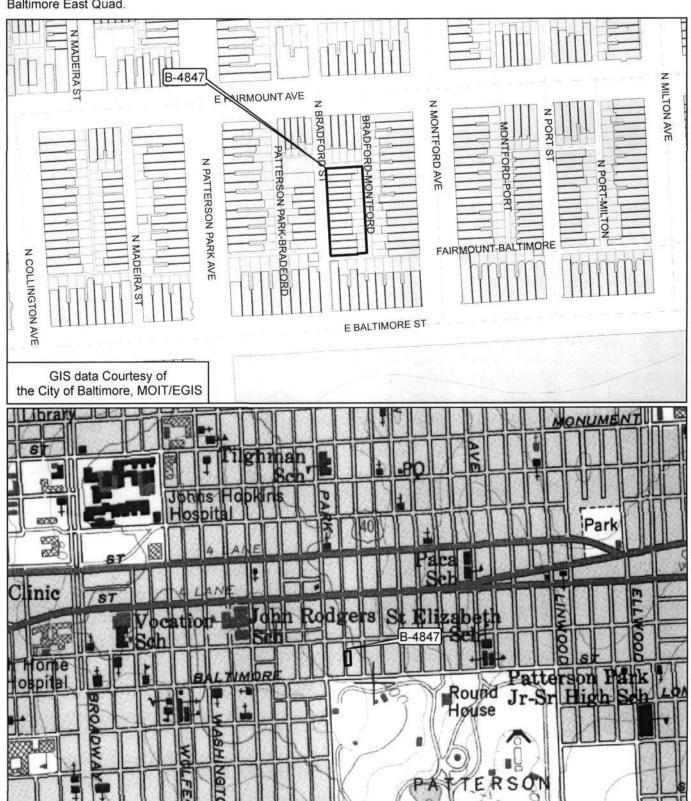
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